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INTRODUCTION

The following outline was originally planned for a guided-study club program. However, because of the keen and widespread, if indeed not universal, interest in this world issue, and the great demands for topical suggestions upon it, the outline has been modified to meet the needs of any serious group study work. It is furthermore believed that in its present form this outline will afford excellent direction for general reading and study to those who wish to inform themselves through personal investigation.

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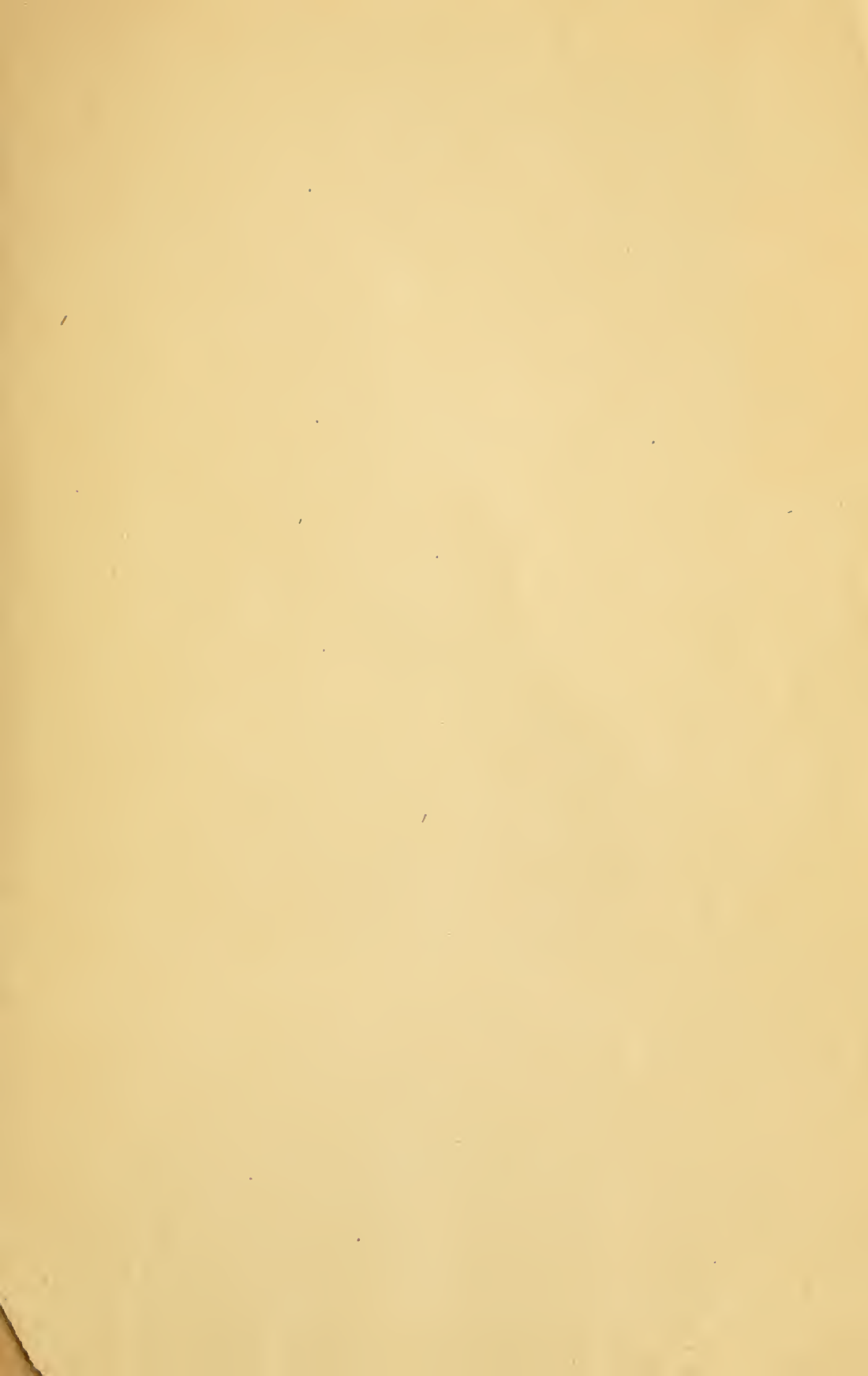
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